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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 June 2003.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-6,9 and 11-15 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 7,8,10 and 16 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. **Claims 1 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by**

Van Aerle et al., (Van), USPAT 6,211,992.

3. Van discloses and shows in Fig. 3, a transflective liquid crystal display, comprising:

- a top plate (3) comprising a transparent electrode (5);
- a bottom plate (4) comprising transreflective electrode (6) of aluminum compound (col. 2, lines 65-67).
- a liquid crystal layer (2) sandwiched between the top plate and the bottom plate; and
- a light source (9) behind the bottom plate,

wherein an image is generated by the transreflective liquid crystal display when either ambient light is incident on the surface of the top plate or when light is generated by the light source.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 are anticipated.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 2-6 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaneko as applied to claims 1 and 9 above.**

6. Kaneko does not explicitly disclose that the transreflective display is of an active matrix type. However, it is common and known in the art to use an active matrix type liquid crystal display for several reasons such as to reduce crosstalk. Further, a typical structure for an active matrix liquid crystal display includes a plurality of scan lines, a plurality of data lines formed perpendicular to the scan lines, the scan lines and the data lines being arranged to form a matrix of pixel regions with each of the pixel regions bounded by two adjacent scan lines and two adjacent data lines, and a plurality of thin film transistors formed at intersections between the scan lines and the data lines. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the display of Kaneko such that it works as an active matrix display so that crosstalk is reduced.

Accordingly, claims 2 and 11 would have been obvious.

As to claims 3 and 12, using a transreflective electrodes having visible transmittance of not less than 10% is within the level of ordinary skill in the art and thus would have been obvious to optimize device performance.

As to claims 4-6 and 13-15, forming a transflective electrode having the claimed thickness is common and known in the art and thus would have been obvious to optimize device performance.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 7, 8, 10 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments, see page 3, filed on 06/18/2003, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 3-5, 9 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C 102(e) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of USPAT 6,211,992.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tarifur R Chowdhury whose telephone number is (703) 308-4115. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:30-5:00) Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on (703) 305-3492. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-7005 for regular communications and (703) 308-7724 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Chowdhury".

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